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Identical letters dated 30 April 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you hereinafter a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 15 to 21 April 2007 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 13, and of the Security Council.

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Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 15 to 21 April 2007, inclusive

Air violations

On 15 April 2007:

- Between 1000 and 1105 hours two Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, heading north over the Shab'a Farms, circled over the sea between Shikka and Tripoli, headed east and circled over Baalbek and Hirmil, then left Lebanese airspace over the said Farms;

- Between 1200 and 1320 hours two Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off Shikka, proceeded south as far as Nabatiyah, then turned back and left over the sea off Shikka.

On 16 April 2007:

- Between 0110 and 0155 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Tyre, proceeded as far as Sidon, circled over the regions of the South, then left over the sea off Naqurah.

On 17 April 2007:

- Between 1010 and 1230 hours hostile military aircraft overflew the Bint Jubayl area;

- At 1832 hours an Israeli enemy helicopter took off from Mazra'at Fashkul and violated Lebanese airspace over the Mazra't al-Majidiyah for a few seconds at medium altitude, then returned to occupied Palestinian territory;

- Between 2230 and 2315 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off Naqurah, overflew the sea, proceeding as far as Damur, then left Lebanese airspace via the same place where it had entered.

On 20 April 2007:

- Between 1008 and 1038 hours eight Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace over Naqurah, Rumaysh and Aytarun, proceeding north as far as a point east of Sidon, next headed towards the Bekaa, proceeding as far as Hirmil, then continued towards the sea, passing over the Cedars and Shikka and returned towards the south;

- Between 1246 and 1324 hours two Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering off Tyre and proceeding as far as Markaba, continued in a northerly direction as far as Shikka, circled over Sidon and Iqlim al-Kharrub, then left Lebanese airspace over Naqurah;

- Between 1500 and 1555 hours four Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace over Alma al-Sha'b, proceeded as far as Shikka, overflew all the regions of Lebanon, then left over the sea off Naqurah;

- Between 1700 and 2300 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over Alma al-Sha'b heading north, circled over the regions of the South, then left over Rumaysh;

- At 2300 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over Naqurah, circled over the South, then left over Alma al-Sha'b at 0205 hours on 21 April 2007.

On 21 April 2007:

- Between 0959 and 1320 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah, circled over the South, then left over Rumaysh;

- Between 1305 and 1610 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b, circled over the regions of the South, then left over Naqurah.

Sea violations

On 20 April 2007, at 0100 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat fired an illumination flare over a Lebanese fishing boat while the latter was in territorial waters at a distance of 205 metres north of the buoy line. It then returned and fired a second flare over it at 0120 hours, when it was at a distance of 60 metres north of the said line.

Field violations

On 15 April 2007, at 1500 hours, an Israeli patrol confronted two Lebanese farmers who were ploughing their land near the border in the Haybara area (outside the town of Blida) and fired two smoke bombs at them, forcing them to leave.

On 20 April 2007, at 1200 hours, a Merkava tank proceeded from the Al-Hadb enemy Israeli position (opposite Yarun) and stationed itself opposite the Lebanese Army's Al-Khirba position, aimed its guns towards the latter, then returned to its post at 1212 hours.

Other Israeli activities

On 18 April 2007, between 0900 and 1830 hours, two Poclain backhoes and a bulldozer belonging to the Israeli enemy performed excavation work between the Blue Line and the technical line (opposite the village of Ayta al-Sha'b).